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E. H. HARRIMAN.

And now that Mr. Harriman has been called to the other side, by the silent messenger who knows no distinction as between rich and poor, high and low, he will, generally, be regarded as one of the great men of this country of great opportunities, great achievements. His enemies will be silent and only the voice of friends will be heard. For it was ever thus. The man whom all the world condemned yesterday, all the world lauds today, simply because he died last night.

But Harriman was one of the great men of the world. Whatever he undertook to do he did with all his might and made a success of it. His monuments are found all over the industrial world of this country, and they are of a nature to perpetuate his memory from generation to generation. Salt Lake has especial reason for honoring him for what he has done for the building up of this city. The improvement of the street car system, and the beginning of construction work on the depot at a time when financial depression was general and when enterprises of such magnitude meant so much to Salt Lake will ever be remembered by the citizens here.

Considerable fear has been expressed by some that the death of Harriman would materially affect the finances of the country. We do not think such fears well grounded. As a rule men with the foresight of shrewd financiers prepare for the inevitable in time and take steps to secure the interests entrusted to their care, and as a result the business they leave behind goes on just the same. When the captain of a ship dies, the first mate takes his place, and he is supposed to be fully able to do so, and if the first mate dies, too, the second mate will navigate the ship. Financial interests are not less well guarded. The captains may be called by death, but the navigation will go on just the same. Financial captains always have men near them who can take their places in an emergency.

If this is true, it would be foolish to permit a panic to result. There should be no necessity for a loss of confidence. Possibly things will look unsettled for a few days, but the stocks affected by the death of the financial captain are worth just as much as ever, and in a short time all will go on as before. Men may come and go, but the nation and the race remain.

NO EFFORT AT CONCEALMENT.

If there was any bright spot connected with yesterday's deplorable wreck on the Salt Lake Route at Tintie Junction, it was the courtesy of General Manager R. E. Wells of the railroad system.

It is a novel experience in newspaper annals for the man at the telephone to be notified from headquarters that there has been a wreck in which somebody blundered. It is refreshing to hear tenders from those in authority to see that the reporters "get the straight of it." It is all so different to what has been encountered in the past. There was no effort to suppress details. On the contrary, an offer was tendered to take a reporter along on the relief train so that the readers of the newspaper could be posted as to the actual details. This is so different to the old school that it merits more than passing comment.

General Manager Wells' action yesterday morning and his courtesy to the Deseret News deserve more than a mere note of thanks. It marks a new departure in railroad history, and sounds the death knell of yellow journalism, for any newspaper with all the available facts at its disposal would certainly be yellow if it tried to paint the horror in darker colors than circumstances warranted.

The Deseret News is not in the habit of singing its own praise, but the public noticed that the "News" yesterday was able to give the Salt Lake public the exclusive facts regarding the wreck in an extra in the morning, which placed the newsboys on "easy street" with pockets bulging with nickels willingly surrendered by the public in exchange for news that carried the bare facts.

The best railroad system in the world has its occasional wrecks. The Salt Lake Route has been remarkably free from accidents, and General Manager Wells has the sympathy of the community over yesterday's unfortunate occurrence, which was due, it appears, to the blunder of a train crew.

AN OLD-TIME TRAGEDY.

Mr. A. Gunnison of New York, a cousin of Captain John Gunnison, the United States army officer who was killed by Pawnee Indians on the Sevier, passed through Salt Lake on his way to Colorado, where he is to attend the opening of the Gunnison tunnel. Captain Gunnison commanded a surveying expedition of the Central Pacific railroad, and Mr. Gunnison still carries a letter of introduction to Jos. A. Young, president of and superintendent of the Utah Central, written by A. N. Towne, general superintendent of the Central Pacific, and dated Nov. 23, 1870. Mr. Gunnison, by the way, did not meet Mr. Young, but he says he met President Taylor, who received him in the absence of President

Brigham Young, and was shown every possible courtesy, while in Utah at that time.

Mr. Gunnison kindly gave the "News" some data concerning the tragedy in which his illustrious cousin lost his life. The captain was ordered to go west in 1870, to survey a new route to the settlement in the valleys of Salt Lake and Utah Lake. A severe winter compelled him to stay in this city several months and while here he studied the story of "Mormonism" and, later, published a "History of the Mormons." In 1872, three years after his return from the West he was commissioned captain of the corps of topographical engineers, and ordered to take command of the Pacific Railroad survey.

He left Westport, Mo., on the 16th of June, 1874. The expedition consisted of Captain Gunnison, Lieutenant Beckwith, R. H. Kern, S. H. Jones, Dr. J. Schiel, F. Krantzfeldt, and J. A. Snyder, and necessary teamsters and attendants, and about thirty soldiers. They followed the old Santa Fe trail and came into the San Luis valley by way of the Sierra Blanca pass. From there they came out into the Gunnison country by way of Cochetopa pass. They followed the Gunnison, or South Fork of the Grand, as nearly as possible, crossing the mesa south of Sapinero, reaching the Uncompagne and there taking the north side. Continuing they crossed the Green river in Utah.

The westward course was uninterrupted as far as San Rafael, but there they were forced to go southward. They crossed the Wasatch and came out upon a branch of the Sevier river which they followed to the Lake valley. Then they crossed the Unkookup mountains and came upon the Sevier again just where it comes out of the gap.

Gunnison, with several others, now went to examine Sevier Lake. On the 26th of October, 1873, they were surprised at breakfast by a band of Indians, and Captain Gunnison, Kern, Krantzfeldt, Potter, and four others were killed. The captain's body, it is said, was pierced by 24 arrows, and so complete was the surprise, according to one report, that the victims did not fire one shot. Kenesha, chief of the Pawnee Indians, claimed that the murder was committed by one of his tribes, without his knowledge. He said he deeply regretted the sanguinary deed and secured for the party the diary and instruments of the murdered explorers.

The chief explained that the Indians had been treated badly by immigrants and were indignant. Shortly before the murder, a party had camped near Filmore. A band of Indians had come to the camp and asked for food and clothing. The immigrants ordered them away, and when they did not comply with this at once, were assaulted. One chief and several others were killed. It is said, a brother of the murdered chief discovered the Gunnison party and led a band to the camp, surrounded the men and shot them down. Captain Morris, who took the command after Gunnison sent to Filmore for assistance. A party of seven came from there and went to the scene of the tragedy. They buried the remains of the victims and secured the animals.

COOK AND PEARY.

Whether Dr. Cook found the North Pole, or not, must remain an open question until the proofs submitted have been examined and passed upon by competent authority. In the meantime his word must be accepted as true, for it would be folly for anyone to make such a claim falsely. His log-book will tell the tale to those accustomed to read such records. There is nothing improbable in the claim of Dr. Cook. That somebody would, some time, reach the goal has been generally expected, after the measurably successful expeditions of Peary, Nansen, Amundsen, Sverdrup, and others.

Commander Peary, too, must be credited with having reached the Pole, and no man deserves success more than he. He has spent a number of years in the Arctic regions. He has suffered untold hardships, but he has never given up the idea of reaching the highest possible latitude. He went on his first trip to Greenland in 1886, for the purpose of studying the glaciers in the interior of that country. In 1891 he again went to Greenland, this time in company with a party of seven, including his wife. Two years later the party returned to Greenland, and that year a baby was born to the explorer in those high altitudes.

In 1894 Peary attempted to cross the inland ice cap but his plans were frustrated by a fearful storm and a plague that carried away his dogs. The following spring Peary and a few companions who had remained with him over winter crossed the ice cap. But they failed to find the provisions they had cached the year before, and this compelled them to return to headquarters sooner than intended.

In 1896 and 1897 Peary again visited Greenland. When he returned he brought with him a meteorite which had been seen by Sir James Ross, and which is said to be the largest meteor known to exist.

Then a Peary club was organized and in 1898 Peary went north in the Windward. In March, 1899, he left headquarters and reached the northern coast of Greenland, discovering the most northern land in the world.

Early in 1902 Peary, accompanied by Matthew Henson and natives, endeavored to reach the Pole from Cape Hecla, but he was compelled to return after having reached 84 degrees and 17 minutes.

For his latest expedition Peary left in July, 1908, on the Roosevelt. He was confident that he would be successful and planned to go over almost the same route which, it seems, Dr. Cook took. He had been over that ground several times and believed, if conditions were favorable, he would be able to reach the Pole.

When Cook cabled that he had been successful in locating the North Pole many predicted that if the doctor had been successful, then Peary, the most persistent of explorers, had likewise reached the Pole.

Dr. Cook and Peary were associated in earlier expeditions. Both had formed the same opinion as to how to reach

the Pole. Both followed, practically, the same route. Dr. Cook went north a couple of years ago. He made a winter camp at the edge of the unknown and left that camp on his dash for the pole at the first favorable opportunity. He took along with him two Eskimos and many dogs. He had no dead weight in his expedition. The doctor's story is simple. It sounds practical. No one has a right to deny it, until it has been proved false.

In time of plenty prepare to buy coal.

The great party question—which will win?

Much of dress reform is only dress parade.

A record breaker has a smashing good time.

The filing of a suit usually raps the defendant.

The Pearyites say there is something rotten in Denmark.

The farmer does things; the agriculturist talks things.

All the world's a stage but there are very few stage drivers.

A "joy ride" is quite likely to end in a race with death.

Peace doesn't have her victories in this North Pole war.

The bright lexicon of youth should be printed on glazed paper.

The great qualification for office is plenty of qualified voters.

There is plenty of work everywhere. The trouble is over the pay.

Patience sitting on a monument smiling at grief is not a virtue.

Rolling stones gather no moss because of the scarcity of moss.

If drunks were put in a galvanic cell it would soon straighten them out.

People whose reputations have been torn to shreds should eat shredded wheat.

Both explorers, true to American instinct, should have cut their names on the Pole.

In the United States the science of government is the Smithsonian institution.

The two Eskimos may become greater historical characters than the two Dromedaries.

Municipal tickets this fall probably will be more noted for quantity than for quality.

At the Union Pacific employees' college in Omaha will the students be railroaded through?

If people and public officials will follow the letter of the law they will not miss its spirit very much.

"Sarah Bernhardt" is determined to press her suit against the New York World," says the Boston Herald. Why doesn't she send it to a laundry?

In the death of E. H. Harriman the country loses one of the greatest railroad men it ever had. We shall not soon look upon his like again.

Peary has presented President Taft with the North Pole but the President says that he does not know what to do with it. Why not use it for a big stick?

Let the dispute as to who first discovered the North Pole be determined either way there can be no doubt that both Cook and Peary have visited Wrangle land.

An English physician says that swearing is a beneficial habit, there being a sound physiological reason for it. This physician is advised to read and assimilate the words of Jesus, "Swear not at all."

PROSPECTIVE PLENTY WHERE NEEDED.

Philadelphia Record.

Famine and plague are the usual terrible accompaniments of crop failures in India, where 300,000,000 people are dependent upon the yearly output of the harvest. This year the outlook for good crops is very promising. There have been plentiful rains and the health and plenty. Last year the short crops in Hindustan inflicted a money loss upon the people estimated at not less than \$200,000,000. The people of the United States, rejoicing in their own abundance, will gladly note the prospective plenty for the swarming millions of the east during the next twelve months.

REDUCE THE ARMY.

Boston Herald.

The United States army should be reduced to minimum numbers. Each branch of the service can be skeletonized without menace to any national interest. The reorganization of state militia forces into a National Guard was for the purpose of securing uniformity of equipment and training and the creation of a reserve fighting force which could be readily assimilated into the active standing army in any emergency. If the plan of a National Guard is successful, if local forces are trained in the handling of coast defenses, if infantry, cavalry and field artillery are competently drilled, if expensive war games produce results, a skeletonized national army will afford full protection in ordinary times, and the basis of prompt expansion to meet any extraordinary demands. The nation will not be awake at night if the army is reduced to 80,000 men.

SURPRISING CHURCH GROWTH.

Los Angeles Times.

From the statistics published in the Times a few days ago it appears that there are now sixteen states of the American Union in which the Roman Catholic domination of the Christian religion predominates. Ten years ago when the last census was taken there was not a single state in which Roman Catholics predominated. The growth of this church in America during the past decade will surprise those who have not followed the trend of religious belief in this country. A great deal

attention has been directed toward the spread of the Christian Science sect and also toward the growth of the Mormon Church, but the increase of these two institutions combined is small when compared to the growth of the Roman Catholic church. For instance, the Mormons lead in only one state of the Union and the Christian Scientists in none, while, as has been pointed out, the Catholics predominate in sixteen states. The situation is easily explained. In the first place, Catholics are not given to race suicide in this or in any other country. The church distinctly frowns on the practice—in fact, it will not tolerate it. As a consequence Catholic families make the generally large families. In the next place, the enormous tide of immigration flowing into this country is largely Catholic—the Italians, the Slavs, many of the Germans and, in fact, the bulk of all the southern Europeans who come here now are attached to the Church of Rome.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.

Have you had disappointments, doubts, sorrows, troubles? So have we all. They are the weeds that grow in all highways. We may be unable to pull these rank growths out by the roots and cast them from us. We may not be able to forget the past entirely. But we are under no compulsion to make for ourselves needless burdens. No one escapes trouble, so that you have no monopoly in suffering. But, just as none goes unscathed, so it is true that no one is afflicted with the troubles of the world. We have our compensations: those who have known misfortune and disappointment are often given ample opportunities and larger compensations. Don't whine! If the world buffers us let us not be utterly cast down. We will wrest its good opinion, its golden fruits, from it yet. We will at least not throw the orange away until we have squeezed all the juice out of it. "Make the best of things." This homely phrase is, after all, the shibboleth of life. It is the faculty of seeing some good—of drawing some inspiration from the most hidden source, that makes life endurable, that glorifies it. If you are unsatisfied with your achievements, you can still find your reward in your home, your friendship, in the enlargement of your charities and in the misfortunes you have escaped.

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